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FESTIVAL NUMBERS ENTERTAIN MANY

Plans Now Being Made for Next Year's Program.

So far as entertainment goes, the festival was a success. From a financial standpoint it was not a success as the guarantors had to make up a deficiency of about \$100. Bad weather was responsible, to a considerable extent, for the small attendance. The festival opened Friday afternoon with a lecture by Dr. Robert Sutcliffe, and the Comus Players gave a short sketch from Shakespeare. In the evening a full company of players presented "Carson of the North Woods," and while their acting was exceptionally good, a lack of stage settings detracted to some extent from the interest. This performance was not quite worth the price of admission.

Saturday afternoon Dr. Sutcliffe gave another lecture, "A Task," which was exceptionally good. This was followed by a short concert of the Ad Club Quartet. An accident to the electric light plant put the town in darkness for an hour, and consequently the program was late in starting. The club gave several good numbers but when they were encored they excused themselves by stating that they had to catch the train for Portland. The moving pictures of Mawson's Antarctic expedition were very good and instructive, and made up partially for the brevity of the Ad Club Quartet.

The grand closing event was the concert by the Chicago Ladies' Orchestra, and this number was the best of the entire program. Each member of the company is an artist, and obligingly responded to the many ancores. This number was the climax of the entire performance and was well worth the money.

The Ellison-White company can make a festival go in St. Helens provided some business organization takes hold of it and it is not rushed as they did this event. The attractions they give are clean and wholesome and will be of benefit to the community, but it is necessary to apply something that looks like business methods before a chautauque will be the success it should be. Before holding another festival, get some business men behind the scheme and have a few days for preparation. It is not St. Helens' fault that the festival was not a success, but the outcome is due to the stupidity of the promoters. Better luck next time.

OREGON SPORTSMEN WILL GATHER

Local Men Will Attend Meeting and Banquet.

The Oregon Sportsmen's League will meet Monday, December 4, at the Imperial hotel, Portland. Matters of interest to sportsmen throughout the state will be discussed and legislation which they wish enacted will be passed on. After the business meeting they will hold a big banquet. All sportsmen are invited, no matter if they do not belong to any organized club. Several members of the St. Helens Rod and Gun Club have signified their intention of attending.

YOUNG MAN KILLED IN LOGGING CAMP

At the logging camp of the Bramhall Timber Company, on the Kerry railroad, Baltas Segura, a Spaniard, aged 26 years, was instantly killed last Friday morning when he fell between the two drums of the donkey engine which he was firing.

The engineer saw the accident but could not stop the drums in time to save the man's life.

Deceased had been working for the company for only a short while, having come from Carroll's Point, Wash., where his father lives.

Coroner White was called and hastened to the scene. He deemed an inquest unnecessary, but brought the mangled body to St. Helens. It so happened that the young man's father was visiting a friend in St. Helens, and Mr. White located him and broke the sad news to him. The body was interred in the Warren cemetery Monday afternoon.

STOCKHOLDERS OF CREAMERY WILL MEET

State Dairy Commissioner Mickle and Others Will Make Addresses.

The first annual get-together meeting of the St. Helens Co-operative Creamery Association will be held here tomorrow morning. At 10:00 o'clock the stockholders and their families will gather in Guild hall and hold an informal reception. At noon lunch will be served, after which headquarters will be moved to the city hall. The exercises there will begin at 2 o'clock. Either Professor Pitts or Professor Simpson, of the Oregon Agricultural College, dairy department, will be present and lecture on matters of interest to dairymen. J. D. Mickle, state dairy commissioner, and G. E. Frebert, manager of the Portland Dairymen's Exchange, will also deliver addresses.

It is also planned to have the Warren band to furnish music for the occasion. President Tarbell extends a cordial invitation to all consumers of "St. Helens Best" butter to attend the afternoon session, and H. C. Jacobsen, in charge of the creamery, states he will keep open house should anyone wish to inspect the creamery and its sanitary methods.

The St. Helens creamery started operations in December, 1915, and each month has shown an increase in their production, except, of course, in the fall and winter months, when many of the cows are dry. It has distributed thousands of dollars among the farmers in the neighborhood and has been much of a factor in the business life of St. Helens. It is now on a paying basis and one feature of the get-together meeting will be the monthly distribution of the cream checks.

The officers of the association are: President—A. H. Tarbell. Secretary—P. C. Jacobsen. Directors—T. Brown, F. H. Adams and K. F. Larsen.

The president and secretary are also directors, and the creamery is in charge of H. C. Jacobsen, the man who is responsible for "St. Helens Best" butter.

The following is the butter output by months since the beginning of operations:

	Pounds.
December, 1915	4,860
January, 1916	5,500
February	5,200
March	8,100
April	9,063
May	14,698
June	11,980
July	12,126
August	10,330
September	8,131
October	7,688
November	7,164

Total 104,840

The amount of money distributed to the farmers who have brought cream to the creamery is given below and shows that from the small sum of \$1,300 to begin with the amount has run as high as \$3,280 for a single month.

	\$
December, 1915	1,304.82
January, 1916	1,236.94
February	1,199.41
March	1,936.75
April	2,081.03
May	3,110.07
June	2,576.25
July	3,157.54
August	3,280.15
September	3,069.85
October	2,989.29
November	1,911.65

Total \$27,843.75

The statements show a total of 104,840 pounds of butter have been put out and \$27,843.75 paid for cream. The St. Helens Creamery Association is a distinct success, and with the patronage of the entire town it will grow and continue to be a big benefit to the town and country surrounding.

CIRCUIT COURT IN LAST SESSION OF YEAR

Circuit court adjourned Monday afternoon after a week's session. The last case tried was the case of Noyes-Holland Lumber Company vs. the Pacific Live Stock Company. The fuss is over a right of way matter. There will be no further sessions of the court for Columbia county during this year as his honor has set January 8, 1917, as the next date when he will convene court in St. Helens.

IMPORTANT MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

New Marshal Appointed and Routine Matters Disposed Of.

The minutes of Recorder E. E. Quick of the meeting of the city council are as follows:

St. Helens, Ore., Nov. 27, 1916.

The city council met on the above date, in the city hall, St. Helens, Oregon, in regular session. Present: S. J. Morton, mayor; W. Muckle, E. L. Ballagh, T. S. White, J. W. Allen, councilmen; E. E. Quick, recorder; H. J. Southard, marshal; J. W. Day, attorney.

The minutes of the last regular meeting were read, and after slight correction approved.

The mayor reported that the roof of the city hall was leaking and that he had employed R. I. Williams to fix the same, which action was approved by the city council.

Councilman Muckle reported that he had been informed by H. Morgus that about 16,000 stone blocks had been removed from the city quarry; also that John Philip had made or taken from the said quarry some stone blocks, and as it had been heretofore decided by the council that the sum of \$2 per thousand be collected from all parties, the recorder was instructed to notify the parties to pay up.

A communication was received from F. L. Smith, in reply to the letter addressed to him by the city recorder relative to the payment of the expenses of the fire department of the city at the fire on October 18, 1916, of his barn at Scappoose, Oregon. The same was referred to Councilman Ballagh to examine and report thereon.

An application was received from George Potter, asking to be appointed city marshal of St. Helens, Oregon. The same was discussed at some length, and the mayor nominated George Potter city marshal, and the said nomination was confirmed by the city council by the following vote: Muckle, no; Allen, White, Ballagh, yes, with the understanding that his salary be fixed at \$60 per month, and that he furnish a good and sufficient bond therefor.

The salary of deputy marshal at West St. Helens was reduced from \$20 per month to \$10 per month. In the matter of the city budget, a motion was made and carried that the action of the city council of November 14, 1916, wherein a levy of 12 mills was voted for city purposes was made, be rescinded, as there was at said time not a full attendance of members of the city council, and that at this time there was a full attendance.

The budget was then discussed at some length, and on motion made and carried. The same was ordered printed as by law required.

W. L. Nicholas being present, he asked the council for free use of the city hall for the purpose of holding a meeting of the poultry association and have an exhibit of poultry on December 27, 28 and 29, of this year. The same was discussed and taken under advisement, with the understanding that he would be notified of the action of the city council in the matter.

No further business appearing, on motion made and carried, the meeting adjourned.

CONFERENCE OF OLDER BOYS AT CORVALLIS

Several Boys From St. Helens in Attendance.

The eleventh Older Boys' Conference is now in session at Corvallis. The conference is somewhat on the Y. M. C. A. line and the boys and men meet to discuss matters of general interest and formulate plans which will be of benefit to the rising generation. The last session of the conference was at Salem. The following delegates from St. Helens left this morning to attend the conference: Dewey Smith, John Southard, Mason Dillard, Lester Lake, Rex Miller, Caly Stanwood, Ivar Wellender, Billie Dodd and Lawrence Davies. The boys expect to return Monday and have promised to give the Mist a full account of the proceedings of the conference.

ST. HELENS SCHOOLS SHOW GOOD GROWTH

Close to 500 Pupils Now Enrolled in Two Schools.

A statement made by Superintendent Baker and submitted to the school directors shows that 495 pupils are now attending school in St. Helens and West St. Helens. Both schools are overcrowded, and it is absolutely necessary to have at least two more teachers. The average cost per pupil in Oregon is \$50 per year and, as a school director informed the Mist, if 20 per cent of the pupils have to be put back a year on account of the teacher not having time to give the necessary instruction, it would be far more expensive than if the school district employed an adequate corps of teachers.

The attendance in the city schools is as follows:

McBride School—West St. Helens	
Grade	No. Pupils
First	34
Second	18
Third and Fourth	42
Fifth and Sixth	35
Seventh and Eighth	25
Total	162

St. Helens School	
Grade	No. Pupils
First	41
Second	34
Third	39
Fourth	32
Fifth	32
Sixth	33
Seventh and Eighth	46
Total	257
High School	86
Total school attendance	495

SCHOOL STUDENTS ISSUE A PAPER

A Four Column, Four Page, Breezy Monthly Paper.

The high school students have entered the journalistic field and this week published the S. H. H. S. News, which is well gotten up and ably edited. While a direct competitor of the Mist, we cannot but wish the News all the luck in the world and hope their venture will be successful from every standpoint. The subscription price is 50 cents per year, and the paper is worth twice that much. If subsequent numbers are as good as the initial one, the S. H. H. S. News will gain popularity and a big circulation.

SINKING FUND IS PLACED IN BANK

County Treasurer Places Deposits to Take Up Bonds.

County Treasurer Hunt today deposited in the banks of Columbia county \$24,000, which is the initial payment for the purpose of taking up the bonds issued for the construction of the Columbia Highway. The amount was distributed as follows: Columbia County Bank \$11,000; Clatskanie Bank 6,000; Scappoose Bank 3,850; Rainier Bank 3,150.

The deposits were based, according to Treasurer Hunt, on the capital stock of the several banks, and each bank will pay to the county 3 per cent per annum interest on the amounts deposited. Moreover, all of the banks have been required to put up a bond of 10 per cent more than the deposit to insure the safety of such deposits. The \$24,000 included the \$12,000 from last year which was not deposited, and the funds raised for this year, and the county treasurer thinks that by applying the interest on the payment of the bonds that in a few years quite a sum will be available for this purpose. The first lot of bonds fall due April 1, 1919, and \$60,000 of the \$360,000 issued must be taken up at that time.

WILL PUBLISH BUDGET NEXT ISSUE

On account of it being impossible to obtain the list of outstanding warrants and other information necessary in the publication of the county budget, the Mist this week is unable to give its readers the detailed information. Judge Hattan promises that the statement will be ready for our issue of December 8.

LIBRARY LADIES ENTERTAIN FRIENDS

Many Accept Hospitality of Woman's Club at Meeting.

The Woman's Club entertained about 100 of its friends at the library rooms Thursday evening, the 23rd instant. The library was tastefully decorated with ferns and evergreens, and borrowed rugs and furniture made the room much more attractive. Mrs. Baker, the president of the club, in a few well chosen remarks, introduced Mrs. J. W. Day, who read a history of the club. Addresses were made by the mayor, Rev. Hisey, Prof. Baker and Prof. Knight, and a violin solo by Mrs. Frank George was heartily encored.

A reading by Prof. J. H. McCoy was much enjoyed and heartily applauded.

After the program light refreshments were served.

The library now has some 350 volumes, some of which are loaned by the state and must be returned within a stated time. It also has many interesting magazines and periodicals.

Mrs. Owen has been appointed librarian, and it is the intention to keep the library open every evening and also Saturday afternoons. When the financial condition of the club permits, it is planned to have the library open all day. The club is to be congratulated on its entertainment, and also on what they have accomplished for St. Helens, and the Mist thinks the public library will shortly become just as much of a necessity as any other branch of the city's affairs.

Beginning Saturday, December 2, the library room will be open as a reading room every evening from 7 to 9, and on Saturday afternoons from 3 to 5 o'clock.

WITH THE ARMY ON MEXICAN BORDER

St. Helens Boy in Army Likes Life of Soldier.

W. O. Bumgardner, who lives at Columbia City, has received word from his son Reynold Bumgardner stating that he is stationed in the vicinity of Lerado, Texas, with the United States troops, patrolling the border. The young man enlisted October 10 at Portland and was immediately sent to the front. He states that he likes army life and that at present his superior officers have assigned him to the task of driving one of the big army auto trucks. Young Bumgardner is only 18 years of age and is well known to many St. Helens residents, who will be glad to know of the important position he holds with our Uncle Sam.

WILSON'S CABINET OFFICERS NAMED

Cartoonist Rex Miller must have had a tip direct from President Wilson as to who will be the next cabinet officers, for in a picture recently drawn we find a long line of the faithful ones, lined up just outside the door of the president's private office. First comes Thatcher as secretary of state, then W. B. Dillard, secretary of war. Jas. McDonald has the important post of being at the head of the navy, and W. J. Fullerton has the postmaster general's portfolio. Then comes our friend Joe Day, who is attorney general, while J. T. Taber, on account of past services, is rewarded for his labors by appointment to secretary of the treasury. Knowing that gentleman's knowledge as to rock and lands, L. B. Avery has drawn the appointment as secretary of the interior, while William Russell takes charge of the department of agriculture. Ham Kautzman is appointed secretary of commerce, and F. J. Stearns, on account of his being the only one in the bunch that really works, is secretary of labor.

The cartoon is a good one and shows the skill of Rex as a cartoonist.

The basketball team of the Sunset Athletic Club will play a game with Holy Grail Club of Portland Saturday evening at the Sunset gymnasium. Both teams are very good and a good game may be expected.

STEAMER WAPAMA MAKES QUICK TRIPS

Four Round Trips in Fifty-five Days—Other Marine Items of Interest.

The steamer Wapama, Captain "Hurry Up" Foldat, left out late Monday night with a cargo of 1,026,000 ft. of lumber for delivery at southern California ports. The Wapama arrived in the river Saturday morning, so made remarkably fast time in loading. During the past 55 days the Wapama has made four round trips from the Columbia river to San Pedro, and in those voyages has carried more than 4,000,000 ft. of lumber. The present high freight rates causes steamers to work night and day and make the fastest time possible.

The motorship June has arrived at her home port, Gulfport, Miss. The vessel left Columbia river October 4 with a cargo of lumber for Balboa. After discharging her cargo at the Panama port, she took on general cargo and proceeded to Gulf of Mexico ports. Shippers consider the performance of the June as an example of the feasibility of a motor vessel.

On her maiden trip under her own power, the motor vessel Ruby made a remarkably good performance going from Portland to Astoria. The vessel left Portland at 7 o'clock Wednesday morning, November 15, and reached Astoria before 5 p. m., making the trip of one hundred miles in a little less than 11 hours. Her consumption of fuel oil on the down trip was 115 gallons, which cost about 3 1-3 cents per gallon, and 14 gallons of lubricating oil at 32 cents per gallon; or in other words, about \$8.50 for the 100 miles. In comparison with coal or oil burners, this is indeed very cheap operation.

The McCormick company has chosen "Latourell" as the name for the steam schooner now being built for them by the Wilson Bros. at Astoria.

The steamer Inagua, of the Parr-McCormick fleet, is expected at St. Helens today or tomorrow. She will load a cargo of lumber for San Pedro.

Carl Christensen, superintendent of the shipyard, states that the motor vessel S. I. Allard will not be ready for launching December 2, but that it will be two weeks from tomorrow, provided nothing unforeseen occurs.

W. R. Hewitt, of San Francisco, consulting engineer of the McCormick company, is in the city to look after the installation of the machinery of the motor vessel S. I. Allard.

FOOTBALL GAME WON BY ST. HELENS

Thanksgiving Day Game Ends With Score of 28 to 12.

The St. Helens High School football team took the K. E. D. Club down the line Thanksgiving day to the tune of 28 to 12. Quite a crowd was out to cheer our boys on to victory. The line plunging of Lake, who invariably made yardage, and the manner in which Beeler, at left end, handled the forward passes did much towards making the large score and bringing victory to the St. Helens High. Dewey Smith and Decker also did good work, and John Southard, our quarterback, handled the team to perfection. In fact all the boys did some real football playing and deserve the victory they won. Watch out for them next year. The prettiest play of the game was when Lake, recovering the ball on a fumble, went around left end for a touchdown. Our high school reporter will give full details in next issue.

SHIPYARD WORKER BADLY INJURED

John Mikkonen, an employee of the shipyard, met with a serious accident Wednesday afternoon. He was working on the motor vessel City of St. Helens when the scaffolding gave way and he plunged to the ground, some distance below. Dr. L. G. Ross made a careful examination of the man and thinks his back is broken, as he was paralyzed from the waist down. Mikkonen was sent to a Portland hospital Wednesday night, but at this writing we cannot learn anything as to his condition.